

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel Claims 38-77, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein.

Please add new Claims 78-88 to read as follows (a complete listing of all the claims appears below):

Claims 1-77 (canceled)

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FI 7 Claim 78 (new): An information processing apparatus that is connected to a plurality of terminal devices, comprising:

a capturing unit, which captures data;

a conversion unit, which converts the data captured by said capturing unit into a character code for a terminal device;

FI a discrimination unit, which discriminates whether or not the terminal device has a remote registration function; and

a transmission unit, which, when it is discriminated by said discrimination unit that the terminal device has the remote registration function, transmits the character code for the terminal device converted by said conversion unit to the terminal device.

Claim 79 (new): An apparatus according to claim 78, wherein the terminal device includes a facsimile machine.

Claim 80 (new): An apparatus according to claim 78, further comprising a storing unit, which stores the character code converted by said conversion unit in a memory, wherein said transmission unit transmits the character code stored in the memory to the terminal device.

Claim 81 (new): An apparatus according to claim 78, wherein said information processing apparatus includes a facsimile machine and a computer, which are connected to the plurality of terminal devices through a public network.

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Claim 82 (new): An apparatus according to claim 78, further comprising:
a second conversion unit, which converts a character code for the terminal device received from the terminal device into a character code for said information processing apparatus; and

a second transmission unit, which transmits the character code for said information processing apparatus converted by said second conversion unit to a printer or a display device.

Claim 83 (new): A control method for an information processing apparatus connected to a plurality of terminal devices, said method comprising:

a capture step of capturing data;

a conversion step of converting the data captured in said capture step into a

character code for a terminal device;

a discrimination step of discriminating whether or not the terminal device has a remote registration function; and

a transmission step of, when it is discriminated in said discrimination step that the terminal device has the remote registration function, transmitting the character code for the terminal device converted in said conversion step to the terminal device.

Claim 84 (new): A method according to claim 83, wherein the terminal device includes a facsimile machine.

Claim 85 (new): A method according to claim 83, further comprising a storage step of storing the character code converted in said conversion step in a memory, wherein said transmission step transmits the character code stored in the memory to the terminal device.

Claim 86 (new): A method according to claim 83, wherein the information processing apparatus includes a facsimile machine and a computer, which are connected to the plurality of terminal devices through a public network.

Claim 87 (new): A method according to claim 83, further comprising:
a second conversion step of converting a character code for the terminal device received from the terminal device into a character code for the information processing apparatus;

and

a second transmission step of transmitting the character code for the information processing apparatus converted in said second conversion step to a printer or a display device.

24 Claim 88 (new): A program product embodying a computer-readable program for implementing a control method for an information processing apparatus connected to a plurality of terminal devices, wherein the program comprises:

a capture module for capturing data;

a conversion module for converting the data captured by said capture module into a character code for a terminal device;

a discrimination module for discriminating whether or not the terminal device has a remote registration function; and

a transmission module for, when it is discriminated by said discrimination module that the terminal device has the remote registration function, transmitting the character code for the terminal device converted by said conversion module to the terminal device.